Approved For Release 2007/04/02: CIA-RDP80T01471R001800170007-9 CONFIDENTIAL 25X1 (c) NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER ATTACHMENT TO K-974925X1 REFERENCE: 01 JUNE 1966 PAGE 1 BAI THUONG AIRFIELD NORTH VIETNAM 1954N 10528E 25X1 SIGNIFICANCE: THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS THE STATUS OF CONSTRUCTION AT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD. 2. LOCATION: THE AIRFIELD IS LOCATED 4.8 NM EAST OF BAI THUONG AND 18 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF THANH HOA. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: 3. 25X1 FIRST REVEALED AN AIRFIELD UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE BAI THUONG AREA. 4. NEGATION DATE: NO AIRFIELD WAS OBSERVED ON PHOTOGRAPHY 25X1 DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: 5. ONE NORTHWEST/SOUTHEAST RUNWAY EXTENDS APPROXIMATELY 7,750 X 170 FEET. 6. COLLATERAL:

COLLATERAL REPORTS THAT SINCE CONSTRUCTION BEGAN ON BAI THUONG AIRFIELD IN JUNE 1965, PROGRESS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY SLOW. RUNWAY GRADING, EXTENSIVE DRAINAGE DITCHES, AND LATER, THE CONSTRUCTION OF

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AIRCRAFT REVETMENTS, HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF ELEVEN MONTHS.

STRIKE DATA REPORTS THAT BAI THUONG AIRFIELD HAD BEEN THE OBJECT OF

AN AIR STRIKE AS EARLY AS JULY 1965, AND THAT IT HAS BEEN STRUCK AT

LEAST ONCE SINCE THEN.

7. MISSION READOUT: REVEALS THAT CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON THE AIRFIELD IS CONTINUING ALTHOUGH THE INSTALLATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO

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AIRFIELD IS CONTINUING, ALTHOUGH THE INSTALLATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE SERVICEABLE TO AIR TRAFFIC. TEN LARGE REVETTED AIRCRAFT HARDSTANDS AT THE NORTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY AND SIX AT THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY APPEAR NEARLY COMPLETED. NO MAJOR BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND NO AIRCRAFT ARE OBSERVED. THE PARALLEL TAXIWAY IS IN THE LATE STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION.

TWO OCCUPIED AAA SITES AND SEVERAL UNOCCUPIED AAA AND AW SITES ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

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